

**Minutes of the Combined Health and Human Services Committee
and Health & Human Services Board Meeting**

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Chairs Paulson and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Bill Zaborowski, Jim Jeskewitz, Janel Brandtjen, Gilbert Yerke, and Pauline Jaske. Kathleen Cummings arrived at 1:08 p.m.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dr. Peter Geiss, Flor Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Joe Vitale, and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Jim Jeskewitz, Janel Brandtjen, and Paul Decker. Citizen Member JoAnn Weidmann arrived at 1:04 p.m.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, Parks & Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Environmental Health Manager Steve Korthof, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy Haney, Juvenile Center Coordinator Mike Sturdevant, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, and Oscar Medina of Medina's Center. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes 9-10-09

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Jaske to approve the minutes of September 10th. Brandtjen asked that a correction be made on Page 3. Motion carried 6-0 as amended.

Correspondence

Brandtjen advised of a letter to Schuler from Community Memorial Hospital. Their Community Outreach Steering Committee will provide \$4,900 to the Menomonee Falls childhood immunization clinic for January through December of 2010.

Announcements

Schuler indicated that long-time Health & Human Services Board member Harlow Bielefeldt passed away on September 18th.

Weidmann arrived at 1:04 p.m.

Legislative Update

Krahn said the drunk driving bill that is likely to pass at the State level would result in increased County costs, e.g., jail days, court costs, prosecution. The beer tax bill, if passed, would bring in about \$10 million of additional revenues to be used for the drug court and treatment programs. A hearing on this bill will be held on October 13th. Krahn noted the beer tax in Wisconsin has not increased since 1969.

Cummings arrived at 1:08 pm.

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss Efforts by the National Association of Counties to Sell Computers/Software (Jaske)

Executive Committee Report 9-17 & 9-21

Paulson said the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, reviewed the capital projects plan, and approved the resolution to place the Aging & Disability Resource Center and Veterans Services under the Health & Human Services Department.

Announcements

Copies of the October 1st and 2nd Health & Human Services Committee's budget review meetings were distributed. Paulson advised the meetings are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on the 1st and 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd and both will be held in the Human Services Center Board Room.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 7-22-09

MOTION: O'Brien moved, second by Paulson to approve the minutes of July 22nd. Motion carried 10-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Vitale highlighted the recent Child & Family Services Advisory Committee which met last week. The general topic was safe and stable families and family reunification presented by Healthy Families and St. Charles.

Farrell said the Joint Conference Committee understands the budget situation and will continue to discuss issues of concern.

Farrell said the Mental Health Advisory Committee and DeMares were successful in their efforts to put money back into the budget for 2010. DeMares said the committee also discussed individuals who have spent significant time (more than 30 days) in the inpatient unit. There was a question as to whether the Care Management Organizations (CMOs) and Family Care have affected the length of stay for clients and if the CMOs are doing their share in trying to get people back into the community. After a further review including a past study, it was determined that the clients working with the CMOs are actually there less than before we had the CMOs.

Weidmann said the Public Health Advisory Committee talked quite a bit about H1N1 influenza. The issue of requiring certain qualifications for the state public health officer was also discussed. This has been pushed for some time and we may finally see some action at the State level.

Maurer advised that the Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Advisory Committee met last week where they heard a report stating that 134 men had been served at the St. Mathias shelter. He advised that the City's Planning Commission, yesterday, approved the use of St. Mathias as an emergency shelter for the winter months. Maurer noted how difficult this recession has been – 34 of these men had college degrees.

Future Agenda Items

- Tour Parents Place for the Prevention & Protection of Abused Children (Vitale)

Board Agenda Item

Approval of Mental Health Center Doctor Status Changes and Appointment

O'Brien said the Joint Conference Committee has recommended approving status changes for Dr. Rada Malinovic and Dr. Thomas Wilson from active to associate.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by O'Brien to approve the change in status for Drs. Malinovic and Wilson. Motion carried 10-0.

Combined Agenda Items

Update on Environmental Health

Korthof distributed copies of "Water Systems Data: 1-1-09 through 8-21-09." Between January 1 and August 31, 2009, 2,162 samples were processed. Environmental Health sanitarians collected 55% of those samples and the other 45% were samples submitted by property owners. Of the 1,561 bacterial tests, 82.1% tested safe, 17.2% tested positive for coliform, and 7% were positive for E. coli. In addition, 475 nitrate tests, 59 fluoride tests, 3 hardness tests, and 2 iron tests were conducted.

As of August 31, 2009, 412 out of the 460 transient non-community water systems in Waukesha County have been sampled. Rest stops, parks, convenience stores, restaurants, taverns, and churches with their own water supplies are examples of transient non-community water systems. Of the 412 facilities sampled, 3 had levels of nitrates exceeding 10 mg/l nitrate-nitrogen; 10 facilities, or 2.4%, tested positive for total coliforms indicating the water supply may be unsafe; and 1 facility tested positive for the presence of E coli. Korthof discussed remediation efforts to get these systems back into compliance.

Korthof distributed copies of "Charts of Licenses and Inspections/Consultations – 2008/2009 License Year." There are more than 1,800 facilities which they inspect including restaurants, retail food, recreational, and lodging. Korthof advised there were 3,200 inspections and consultations. A total of 145 consumer complaints were investigated last license year although there were no confirmed outbreaks of foodborne illness.

Public Health Update – H1N1

Healy-Haney distributed a variety of informational pieces from a recent H1N1 influenza business summit including fact sheets, flu prevention tips, etc. So far in Waukesha County there have been 435 reported cases and one death. Future statistics will only include those who have been hospitalized, serious pediatric cases, and any reported deaths. Of the 435 cases, about 50% are school age. There have been 14 hospitalizations since this broke in April and the one death occurred in August.

Healy-Haney advised of various systems, some which she referred to as sophisticated, which have been put in place to aid in and monitor H1N1 cases. These involve pharmacies, hospitals, schools, the Medical Examiner's Office, County website, first responders, State information, etc. While there are 435 reported cases, Healy-Haney believes the actual figure is around 4,300 countywide. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, and GI symptoms.

The vaccines have been licensed by the FDA and should be available in mid-October with first responders (health care workers) receiving the vaccine first. She believes the vaccines are safe which she explained further. It was noted that the federal government has provided local public health agencies with additional funding to help combat the virus. Healy-Haney advised that antivirals can slow down the process if taken within 24 to 48 after symptoms develop. The disease may run a shorter course, however, they will not prevent the disease.

Geiss spoke of problems that could occur if Children's Hospital in Milwaukee becomes overwhelmed. Most other hospitals are not fully equipped nor do they have the expertise to deal with critically ill children. Schuler also talked about problems that could occur in the jails and how they may deal with an outbreak including isolation rooms.

Annual Secure Detention Results

Sturdevant and Slesar were present to discuss this issue. Information from the State Department of Corrections on the 2009 annual inspection of the Waukesha County Juvenile Detention Center was distributed. Sturdevant indicated the County's juvenile center met or exceeded all of the state administrative codes and standards that are required. There were concerns (not violations) with the menu format, some aesthetic improvements around the building, and the replacement of electronic equipment. Maurer said violation-free inspections are very rare and juvenile center staff should be commended for meeting and exceeding expectations year after year.

Tour Medina's Center, 240 Cutler, Waukesha, WI

Oscar Medina took the committee and board on a tour of Medina's Center which provides boxing, kickboxing, and other academic programs for all youths.

Chairs Paulson and Farrell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary for the Committee